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1. GNZ POLICY ON VIETNAMESE REFUGEES OUTLINED IN MAY 1  
LETTER (RECEIVED MAY 5) TO CONSULAR OFFICER FROM HEAD OF  
MFA CONSULAR DIVISION. LETTER FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE

2. "I UNDERSTAND THAT EARLIER THIS WEEK MR. KILLGORE  
RANG THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. NORRISH,  
ABOUT THE QUESTION OF NEW ZEALAND ACCEPTING SOME VIETNAMESE  
REFUGEES. MR. NORRISH EXPLAINED WHAT NEW ZEALAND WAS  
PREPARED TO DO IN PROVIDING PERMANENT RESIDENCE FOR  
VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO HAVE A CLOSE CONNECTION WITH  
NEW ZEALAND. IT MAY BE HELPFUL FOR YOU TO HAVE IN WRITING  
PRECISELY WHAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED IT CAN DO TO  
ASSIST IN THE PRESENT SITUATION.

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3. NEW ZEALAND WILL ACCEPT FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE THE

FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES:

- SPOUSES, CHILDREN AND FIANCE(E)S OF NEW ZEALAND  
CITIZENS OR OF NEW ZEALAND PERMANENT RESIDENTS
- PARENTS AND UNMARRIED BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF NEW  
ZEALAND CITIZENS OR OF NEW ZEALAND PERMANENT RESIDENTS
- LOCAL STAFF OF NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY IN SAIGON WHO  
WOULD BE IN DANGER BECAUSE OF THEIR SERVICE TO NEW  
ZEALAND PLUS THEIR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN
- EX NEW ZEALAND TRAINED VIETNAMESE TOGETHER WITH  
THEIR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN.

4. IN ADDITION THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT WOULD ACCEPT  
FOR TEMPORARY RESIDENCE THE SPOUSES, CHILDREN AND  
FIANCE(E)S OF VIETNAMESE STUDENTS (BOTH SCHOLARSHIP AND  
PRIVATE) AT PRESENT IN NEW ZEALAND. THE LENGTH OF THEIR  
STAY IN NEW ZEALAND WOULD BE RELATED TO THE TERM OF THE  
STUDENT PERMIT OF THEIR SPONSOR.

5. WITHIN ALL THESE CATEGORIES THERE MAY BE MARGINAL  
CASES OF OTHER CLOSE RELATIVES WHO ARE PART OF THE  
IMMEDIATE FAMILY GROUP. IN SUCH CASES WE WOULD  
INTERPRET THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS WITH SOME FLEXIBILITY  
ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS.

6. AS MR. NORRISH EXPLAINED, OTHER CASES OF VIETNAMESE  
WISHING TO ENTER NEW ZEALAND WOULD BE LOOKED AT  
SYMPATHETICALLY ALTHOUGH AS THE NEW ZEALAND CONNECTION  
BECOMES LESS CLOSE THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE WOULD NOT  
NECESSARILY BE ABLE TO REMAIN SO FAVOURABLE. NEW  
ZEALAND HAS TRADITIONALLY RESPONDED TO REQUESTS FROM  
INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANISATIONS TO PROVIDE HOMES  
FOR PEOPLE WHO HAD BECOME REFUGEES AS A RESULT OF A  
MAJOR UPHEAVAL. WHILE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO  
PREDICT THAT THIS WOULD AGAIN BE THE CASE IT IS PROBABLE  
THAT A REQUEST FROM THESE ORGANISATIONS, ONCE THE  
SCALE AND NATURE OF THE PROBLEM ARE KNOWN, WOULD AT LEAST  
BE CONSIDERED VERY CAREFULLY. END QUOTE.  
KILLGORE

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